

divided only with her God/ Furthermore,
 James was
 seeking to impose upon England a form of
 worship she
 regarded as sinful and idolatrous, while
 William was the
 champion of her beloved Protestantism.
 Therefore, to
 he/ his enterprise seemed 'not only just, but
 holy V

On her arrival in England she soon
 became very
 popular, and her affability to some extent
 compensated for
 William's unsociability.

She was English by birth, and English also
 in her tastes
 and feelings. Her face was handsome, her
 port majestic,
 her temper sweet and lively, her manners
 affable and grace-
 ful. Her understanding, though very
 imperfectly culti-
 vated, was quick. There was no want of
 feminine wit and
 shrewdness in her conversation ; and her
 letters were so
 well expressed that they deserved to be well
 spelt. She took
 much pleasure in the lighter kinds of
 literature, and did
 something towards bringing books into
 fashion among
 ladies of quality. The stainless purity of her
 private life
 and the strict attention which she paid to her
 religious duties
 were the more respectable, because she was
 singularly free
 from censoriousness, and discouraged scandal
 as much as
 vice. . . . Mary had a way of interrupting
 tattle about
 elopements, duels, and playdebts, by asking
 the tattlers,
 very quietly yet significantly, whether they had
 ever read her
 favourite sermon, Doctor Tillotson's on Evil
 Speaking.²

It is clear that Macaulay drew from Burnet
 most of his

materials for his account of the Queen.
Burnet gives three

¹ III, 1054-6 (ix).

⁸ III, 1356-8 (xi). Cf. Burnet, *An Essay on the Memory of the Late Queen* (1695). 'She thought it a cruel and barbarous thing, to be merry on other peoples cost; or, to make the misfortunes or follies of others the matter of their diversion. She scarce ever expressed a more entire satisfaction in any sermon that she had heard, than in our late Primate's against *Evil Speaking*. When she thought some were guilty of it, she would ask them, if they had read that sermon. This was understood to be a reprimand, tho* in the softest manner.' Pp. 86-7.